

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 27-54 were previously pending in the application. Claims 28, 29, 44 and 45 are cancelled leaving claims 27, 30-43 and 46-54 for consideration.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 28-30, 35-40, 44-47 and 51-53 are allowable.

In reliance thereon, claim 27 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 28 and 29. Claim 43 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 44 and 45.

Amending the claims to include allowable subject matter is believed to obviate the rejection of claims 27, 31-34, 41-43, 48-50 and 54 under 35 USC 103(a) over KOZICKI et al. US Publication No. 2003/0137869 in view of LI et al. US Publication 2003/0186504.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been place in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

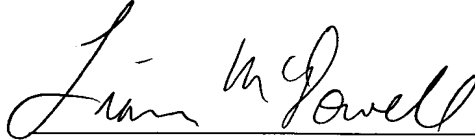
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liam McDowell", written over a horizontal line.

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